GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF MIRAGE AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to buy a combat aircraft Mirage 2000 from Qatar;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost involved therein;

(c) whether IAF has the necessary backup for the maintenance of the combat aircrafts to be acquired from Qatar; and

(d) if not, the manner in which the maintenance of these combat aircraft proposed to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): Qatar has offered for sale of 12 Mirage-2000-V aircraft along witha package. The package includes supply of necessary tools, testers, spares, ground equipment and training aids, etc. in addition-to the aircraft. The above package would facilitate the maintenance of the aircraft.